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HUNS WOULD EXECUTE ALL SHOTGUN MEN

DECLARE THEY WILL SHOOT SOLDIERS CARRYING SHOT-GUNS

LANSING SENDS A WARNING

"If Germany Carries Out Threat in Single Instance, U. S. Will Also Make Reprisals"

Washington, Oct. 1.—The American government, in reply to Germany's threat to execute American prisoners of war found in possession of shotguns, today gave notice that if Germany carries out any such threat suitable reprisals will be taken.

Secretary Lansing's reply, made public today, declares that the use of shotguns is sanctioned by The Hague conventions, and that in comparison with other weapons now used in modern warfare the shotguns used by the American troops cannot be the subject of legitimate or reasonable protest.

After acknowledging receipt of the memorandum submitted through the Swiss legation, communicating the German protest, Secretary Lansing said:

"In reply to the German protest the government of the United States has to say that the provision of The Hague convention, cited in the protest, does not, in its opinion, forbid the use of this kind of weapon.

"Moreover, in view of the history of the shotgun as a weapon of warfare and in view of the well-known effects of its present use, and in the light of a comparison of it with other weapons approved in warfare, the shotgun now in use by the American army cannot be the subject of legitimate or reasonable protest.

"The government of the United States notes the threat of the German government to execute every prisoner of war found to have in his possession shotguns or shot gun ammunition.

"Notwithstanding this threat, inasmuch as the weapon is lawful and may be rightfully used, its use will not be abandoned by the American army.

"Moreover, if the German government should carry out its threat in a single instance it will be the right and duty of the government of the United States to make such reprisals as will best protect the American forces, and notice is hereby given of the intention of the government of the United States to make such reprisals."

20,000 NEW CASES OF INFLUENZA REPORTED

Washington, Sept. 30.—More than 20,000 new cases of Spanish influenza were reported from the army camps during the past 48 hours.

London, Sept. 30.—The French launched a new attack between the Vesle and the Aisne rivers today.

SUFFRAGE IS BEATEN BY A VOTE OF 53 TO 31

Washington, Oct. 1.—Woman suffrage was beaten in the senate, which, by a vote of 53 to 31, failed to give the necessary two-thirds majority. Two more votes were needed. The president's appeal apparently made no change, the opposition securing every vote they claimed. Senator Jones changed his vote so as to provide for a reconsideration.

HUNS IN BERLIN CLAMOR FOR PEACE

Cheering Crowds Get Upper Hand of Authorities—Break Statues in the Berlin Squares

London, Oct. 1.—A peace demonstration took place in Berlin Saturday, according to news received here. The cheering crowds assembled in front of the Bulgarian legation, necessitating police intervention. The rioters got the upper hand of the authorities and committed excesses. Some statues in the Berlin squares were destroyed.

DRAFT DRAWING FINISHED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE TIME

Washington, Oct. 1.—The draft drawing was completed at 8 o'clock this morning, hours ahead of schedule time. The last number drawn was 12,734.

GRAND OFFICERS ON OFFICIAL VISIT

Grand Matron Mable Settlemeir, of Cottage Grove, will make her official visit to Josephine chapter, Order of the Eastern Star on Wednesday night. She will be accompanied by Past Grand Matron Nellie McGowan and Grand Adah Ethel Boggs of Medford. They will motor from Medford in the afternoon.

A reception will be tendered the officers at the chapter rooms.

WILSON FEELING OUT THE SUFFRAGE VOTE

Washington, Oct. 1.—President Wilson has written to several doubtful democratic senators, asking for their vote on the woman suffrage measure.

SERBIANS CUT BULGARIAN ARMY IN TWO NEAR CHAREVOI

London, Oct. 1.—East of Vele, the Serbians Sunday severely defeated the Bulgarians near Charevoi, six miles from the Bulgarian frontier, and cut the Bulgarian forces in two.

Paris, Oct. 1.—General Allenby's forces are now two and a half miles from Damascus and the French cavalry are advancing on Bayreut.

KAISER STILL TRIES TO BOLSTER MEN'S HOPES

London, Oct. 1.—Emperor Wilhelm, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam, has sent the following telegram to the Westphalian Patriotic society:

"Germany is decided to utilize all force to fight this enforced defensive war, until a victorious end is secured and the fatherland protected for all time against foreign oppression.

"A glance at the magnificent successes of our heroic sons and their able leaders ought to protect the German people, even in the changeable fortunes of war, against unworthy discouragement and unjustified doubt."

Amsterdam, Oct. 1.—"Germany's most serious hour seems to have struck," declares the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin. The Frankfort Zeitung says: "It is useless to gloss over this news and we are not quite sure whether it would not be useful to attach considerable importance to the semi-official attempts to veil the threatening secession of Bulgaria or raise any hopes."

GERMANS BURN CAMBRAI AS THE BRITISH CLOSE IN

Allies Continue to Smash Against Boche Defenses and Are Victorious—Turkey Puts Out "Feelers"—Heavy Fighting Between Yanks and Huns Near Verdun

London, Oct. 1.—Under threat of its speedy capture by the British, Cambrai has been set afire by the Germans. The British last night continued their closing in movement on the city and captured Provillo, to the west, and Tilloy, close by on the northwest.

North of St. Quentin the British wedge was thrust still further into the territory held by the Germans and the town of Levergies was captured. Farther south, between Cambrai and St. Quentin, the town of Vendhuile was taken.

London, Oct. 1.—Turkey is expected to follow the lead of Bulgaria in seeking an armistice with a view to arranging for peace.

Paris, Oct. 1.—The allied offensive continues to gain strength and the German resistance to weaken. Another army of the allies yesterday attacked along the Vesle, northwest of Rheims.

London, Oct. 1.—"Feelers" have been put out by Turkey for an armistice. The Evening News says it understands that no notice will be taken until an official telegram is received.

With the American Army at Verdun, Oct. 1.—Although it is apparent that the Germans are desperately trying to keep the Americans back as far as possible from the Kriemhilde line from the Argonne forest to Morelle, evidence accumulated today that the enemy is weakening, notwithstanding their furious resistance.

HOW AMERICANS BUTTED THEIR WAY THRU STRONGEST DEFENSES IN WORLD

With the American Army, Oct. 1.—After three days' struggle through mile after mile of seemingly insuperable barriers, constituting the Germans' formidable defense of masonry, steel, wire and pitfalls, the first American army today was fighting on in the pouring rain to the fourth and last line of those defenses known as the Kriemhilde-Stellung line, says Edwin L. James in the Portland Telegram.

At Breuille they are within two kilometers of it, and at Exermont about 5 1/2 kilometers. This means this line is under easy fire of all of our artillery. This defense runs through the forest of Argonne, along the Airo valley through Grand Pre and crosses the Meuse below Dun.

Since the Americans hit the Hindenburg line Thursday morning the Germans have been feverishly at work on this Kriemhilde-Stellung line. To cross it does not necessarily mean that the Americans will go ahead faster, but it does mean they will have nearer an even match with the Germans, and the advance will depend on the Germans' resistance.

In the last three days our obstacles have been more of old German defenses than Hun fighters. Much has been written about the Hindenburg defenses, but one must see them to realize what the Americans had to go through.

I have spent a day exploring a part of what beyond a doubt is the greatest piece of military defense work the world ever saw. There is nothing to compare to it, because there never was anything like it. For instance, in the forest of Argonne, the Americans had to cut their way through a zone of barbed wire 2 1/2 miles deep.

Fires behind the German lines are taken as an indication that the enemy is burning supplies, while the American observers report the movement of transport vehicles which are apparently well loaded and going toward the north.

Paris, Oct. 1.—The allies continue to smash against the German defenses. The important bastions of Lille, Cambrai, St. Quentin and Laon are becoming less and less useful to the enemy.

Through Bulgaria's unconditional surrender the allies have control of all the railroads and strategic points in Bulgaria.

Heavy German and Austrian forces are said to be on their way to restore the Bulgarian front, but will probably be powerless.

A wave that closely resembles hysteria is reported to be sweeping over Germany.

Paris, Oct. 1.—The French are pushing ahead between the Aisne and Vesle rivers, while the French attacks in the Champagne are continuing. An important advance was made in the Aisne valley.

Binerville and Conde-Les-Andrey were captured. The French have taken over 13,000 prisoners between the Sulpice and Argonne forest since Thursday and captured 390 guns.

With the British Army in France, Oct. 1.—Not one German remains on the west side of St. Quentin canal. The enemy was driven back in heavy fighting last night. The Germans are holding the east bank in great strength.

BULGARIA WOULD FIGHT THE TURKS

Explains That She Would Have to Act in Co-operation With the Allies

London, Oct. 1.—Bulgaria, during the discussion over the armistice at Saloniki indicated that she was not averse to attacking Turkey, according to reliable news received in London. Bulgaria explained, however, that she could only act militarily in this connection in cooperation with the allies.

U. S. CASUALTY LIST

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces for today:

Killed in action	124
Missing in action	13
Wounded severely	437
Died of wounds	10
Died of accident	3
Wounded, degree undetermined	4
Wounded slightly	3
Prisoners	4

Total 598
Wounded severely—Charles Clark, Summerville, Ore.; John J. Porden, Portland.

Marine Corps	
Killed in action	5
Wounded in action, severely	19
Died of wounds	4
In hands of enemy	3
Wounded slightly	2

Total 33
Wounded severely—Harold R. Rurnare, Portland.

87,000 ACRES TIMBER SOLD IN ONE DEAL

Portland, Ore., Oct. 1.—One of the largest timber deals ever made on the Pacific coast was completed here when the Oregon Land and Livestock company sold to the Long-Bell White Pine company of Kansas City, Mo., 87,000 acres of timber in the Klamath Indian reservation.

The price was not mentioned, but timber men estimate the price at \$4,000,000. The tract cruises about 1,700,000,000 feet. The Oregon company acquired it through the exchange of other lands with the government.

ANCIENT CITY OF DAMASCUS IS VIRTUALLY SURROUNDED

London, Oct. 1.—The British have virtually surrounded Damascus.

GERMANS LOSE 300,000 MEN SINCE JULY 18

London, Oct. 1.—The losses of the Teutonic allies on the western front since the allied offensive began July 18, have been 200,000 men made prisoners, and 3,000 guns, 20,000 machine guns and enormous quantities of material captured, up to Saturday night.

Fifty thousand prisoners not included in the foregoing figures have been captured by the allies in Palestine and close to 20,000 others have been taken in the Balkans, bringing the grand total for the period beginning July 18 to nearly 300,000.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON EXPECTS 1,000 STUDENTS

"We will have 1,000 students enrolled this week," President P. L. Campbell of the University of Oregon stated at noon today.

"About 300 boys were enrolled this morning and prospects are that there will be a total of 600 before the week is over. The girls will enroll tomorrow and we believe there will be about 400. Things generally about the University are moving splendidly."—Eugene Guard.

BELGIAN ARMY DRIVING OUT THE GERMANS

BY TERRIFIC FIGHTING THEY THREATEN GERMAN HOLD ON ENTIRE WESTERN COAST

BOCHES USE 4 NEW DIVISIONS

Gallant Little Belgian Army Executes Smart Flanking Movement and Outgenerals Enemy

London, Oct. 1.—The gallant little Belgian army, assisted by the British, is driving ahead in such a manner as to menace the German hold on the entire Belgian coast as far as Ostend. From Dixmude southward a wide wedge has been driven in the enemy positions and at last reports the allied forces were said to have captured the important railway junction of Roulers.

The Germans are resisting heavily and have thrown in four divisions at least, of reserves opposite the Belgians alone. So fast did the British advance in the Flanders area that the batteries had a hard time in keeping up with the infantry.

One British battery advancing to a certain ridge found a German battery still firing from a point only 500 yards away and in plain sight. The gunners trained on each other over open sights and the battery was finally put out of action by the British shells.

One British division has advanced more than seven miles in 24 hours over a country studded with defenses the Germans believed to be impregnable.

The Belgians and British in Flanders continued to make splendid progress, German reinforcements in the shape of two tired divisions, stiffened resistance a little there, but at no point did they arrest the general advance.

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Oct. 1.—Belgian troops and the second British army are making splendid progress in Flanders, where the situation has become fraught with intensely dramatic possibilities.

The Belgians got into Dixmude by a smart flanking movement and went through the town swiftly. Street fighting took place and a large party of the enemy held out obstinately in the town hall. All the Germans were killed or captured. An entire battery of 150 millimeter howitzers was captured in Houtholst forest.

STATE OF OREGON IS NOW "OVER THE TOP"

Portland, Oct. 1.—The state of Oregon outside of Portland went over the top in the Liberty loan drive this morning. Portland has about \$3,000,000 yet to raise, but hopes to reach the goal tomorrow.

FINED FOR VIOLATING SUGAR LIMIT RULE

For wilful violation of the United States food administration regulations regarding purchase of sugar, Miss R. Harris was fined \$50 by Judge Wolverton of the federal court today, says a Portland paper.

Miss Harris adopted the policy of buying two pounds of sugar from one store and then going to other stores and purchasing the same amounts. When arrested she had 28 pounds of sugar in her possession, the testimony showed.